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97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES BERRY (Sponsor), WILSON AND PACE (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 306.220, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to personal flotation devices, with a penalty provision.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 306.220, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 306.220, to read as follows:

306.220. 1. **The provisions of this section shall be known and referred to as "Hannah's Law".**

2. Each person under the age of [seven] **eight** who is on board any watercraft which is on the waters of this state **or who is wading or swimming in navigable public waters more than three feet in depth** shall wear a personal flotation device which is approved by the United States Coast Guard. Any person who allows a person under the age of [seven] **eight** to be on board any watercraft which is on the waters of this state without wearing a personal flotation device, **or to wade or swim in navigable public waters more than three feet in depth without wearing a personal flotation device**, shall be deemed guilty of a class C misdemeanor. This section does not apply when the person under the age of [seven] **eight** is in a part of a watercraft which is fully enclosed, where such enclosure will prevent such person from falling out of or being thrown from the watercraft. **This section does not apply when a person under the age of eight is supervised by a lifeguard.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.